

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1867**OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF WASHINGTON**

Page 2, line 18, strike “of which”.

Page 2, line 19, strike “Experience” and insert “Experiences”.

Page 4, line 13, strike “of which”.

Page 4, line 14, strike “Experience” and insert “Experiences”.

Page 6, line 10, strike “of which”.

Page 6, line 11, strike “Experience” and insert “Experiences”.

Page 9, line 2, strike “institutions”.

Page 9, line 3, insert “institutions—” after “(i)”.

Page 9, line 3, indent and insert “(I)” before “which are not”.

Page 9, line 8, strike “(ii)” and insert “(II)”.

Page 9, line 18, strike the period and insert “; and”.

Page 9, after line 18, insert the following new clause:

1 (ii) consortia of institutions of higher
2 education that include at least one institu-
3 tion that is not a Ph.D-granting institu-
4 tion.

Page 11, line 8, insert “(a) FUNDING FOR CEN-
TERS.—” before “The Director shall”.

Page 11, after line 12, insert the following new sub-
section:

5 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR CENTERS.—Section 11 of the
6 National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002
7 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–2) is amended—
8 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or eligi-
9 ble nonprofit organizations” after “institutions of
10 higher education”;
11 (2) in subsection (b)(1) by inserting “or an eli-
12 gible nonprofit organization” after “institution of
13 higher education”; and
14 (3) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “of such in-
15 stitutions” and inserting “thereof”.

Page 12, line 7, insert “funding” after “related ac-
tivities”.

Page 12, lines 20 through 25, amend subsection (b)
to read as follows:

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
2 tion shall be used to enable an individual to resubmit an
3 updated research proposal for review by the Foundation
4 through the agency’s competitive merit review process.
5 Uses of funds made available under this section may in-
6 clude the generation of new data and the performance of
7 additional analysis.

Page 25, after line 21, insert the following new sub-
section:

8 (c) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF WATERMAN AWARDS
9 TO THREE.—Section 6(c) of the National Science Founda-
10 tion Authorization Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 1881a) is
11 amended to read as follows:
12 “(c) Up to three awards may be made under this sec-
13 tion in any one fiscal year.”.

Page 26, line 5, insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
“The Foundation shall”.

Page 26, after line 13, insert the following new sub-
section:

14 (b) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The Director shall
15 ensure that the study described in subsection (a) address-
16 es—
17 (1) social and institutional factors that shape
18 the decisions of minority students to commit to edu-

1 cation and careers in the science, technology, engi-
2 neering, and mathematics fields;

3 (2) specific barriers preventing greater minority
4 student participation in the science, technology, en-
5 gineering, and mathematics fields;

6 (3) primary focus points for policy intervention
7 to increase the recruitment and retention of under-
8 represented minorities in America's future work-
9 force;

10 (4) programs already underway to increase di-
11 versity in the science, technology, engineering, and
12 mathematics fields, and their level of effectiveness;

13 (5) factors that make such programs effective,
14 and how to expand and improve upon existing pro-
15 grams;

16 (6) the role of minority-serving institutions in
17 the diversification of America's workforce in these
18 fields and how that role can be supported and
19 strengthened; and

20 (7) how the public and private sectors can bet-
21 ter assist minority students in their efforts to join
22 America's workforce in these fields.